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SUBJECT: LORD CONVERSATION WITH JAPANESE POLITICAL

- COUNSELOR KURIYAMA

1. JAPANESE POLITICAL COUNSELOR KURIYAMA CALLED S/P DIRECTOR WINSTON LORD APRIL 21 ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM TOKYO TO GET HISTORICAL BACKGROUND ON THE ANTI-HEGEMONY PRINCIPLE IN THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. HE SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY TOKYO TO TALK TO SOMEONE WHO HAD BEEN DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CHINESE TO GET ANY RELEVANT INFORMATION CONCERNING PRIME MINISTER CHOU EN-LAI'S COMMENT TO PARLIAMENT MEMBER HORI THAT THE ANTI-HEGEMONY CLAUSE WAS PUT IN AT THE SUGGESTION OF THE AMERICANS. HE NOTED THAT THIS WAS THE KEY ISSUE NOW IN THE SINO-JAPANESE NEGOTIATIONS ON A PEACE TREATY. HE STRESSED THAT ANY INFORMATION GIVEN HIM WOULD NOT BE USED WITH THE CHINESE IN THEIR NEGOTIATIONS.

2. LORD STATED AT THE OUTSET THAT ANY INFORMATION HE COULD GIVE WAS STRICTLY FOR BACKGROUND PURPOSES AND HE
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EMPHASIZED IN PARTICULAR THAT HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS,

NOR COULD HE GIVE ANY VIEW, CONCERNING POSSIBLE ADVICE TO THE JAPANESE ON THIS ISSUE IN THEIR NEGOTIATIONS WITH PEKING. THIS WAS UP TO TOKYO TO DECIDE. HE THEN SAID THAT HE WAS NOT ABSOLUTELY SURE WHETHER THE U.S. OR THE

CHINESE SIDE HAD FIRST SUGGESTED THE ANTI-HEGEMONY LANGUAGE. HE HAD NOT CHECKED THE NEGOTIATING RECORD. IN ANY EVENT NEITHER SIDE HAD ANY PROBLEM WITH THE PRINCIPLE WHICH STATED THAT NEITHER CHINA NOR THE U.S. SOUGHT HEGEMONY NOR WOULD THEY WISH ANYONE ELSE TO HAVE HEGEMONY IN THE REGION. LORD RECALLED THE STRUCTURE OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE WHICH BEGAN WITH A UNILATERAL STATEMENT OF EACH SIDE'S POSITION ON CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL ISSUES ON WHICH THEY DISAGREED AND WAS THEN FOLLOWED BY A SECTION ON PRINCIPLES WHERE THEY WERE IN CONCURRENCE. HE NOTED THAT THE ANTI-HEGEMONY LANGUAGE WAS IN THIS SECTION. THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO HAD SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS SUCH AS ON TRADE AND EXCHANGES.

3. LORD REPEATED IN CLOSING THAT HE WAS NOT SUGGESTING ANY ADVICE TO THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT ON THIS ISSUE BUT WAS ONLY PROVIDING BACKGROUND. HE ADDED IN ALL CANDOR THAT EVEN IF HE WERE SURE ABOUT WHICH SIDE HAD PROPOSED THE ANTI-HEGEMONY LANGUAGE, HE WAS NOT CERTAIN THAT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR HIM TO GO INTO SUCH NEGOTIATING DETAILS.

4. MR. KURIYAMA SAID HE UNDERSTOOD AND THANKED LORD FOR THIS INFORMATION. AT NO TIME DID HE PRESS FOR U.S. ADVICE ON THIS ISSUE NOR DID HE SEEM TO EXPECT ANY.

5. THIS IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY AND NO ACTION NEED, OR SHOULD BE, TAKEN AT THAT END ON THIS QUESTION. KISSINGER

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